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MEANS OF LECITHINS  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated May 11, 2010, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed November 11, 2010, please consider the amendments and responsive remarks provided herewith. Applicant is also filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in conjunction with the present response.

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.
- An **Abstract** of an article by **Cloyd, et al.** (HortScience, 2002, 37(4): 671-672) is also submitted herewith.